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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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1. WILLIAM ORRICK MET WITH CAO DURING NOVEMBER CONCERNING THE
PROPOSED AFS EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH POLAND. THE QUESTION OF USG SUPPORT

FOR THESE AFS PROGRAMS DID NOT ARISE AT THAT TIME.

2. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST AFS IN ANY MANNER POSSIBLE
CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT THE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL BUT WE CANNOT COMMIT CU FUNDS IN THIS AREA
GIVEN THE EXISTING COMMITMENTS TO EXCHANGES IN THE ENGLISH-TEACHING
FIELD.

3. IN THE EVENT THAT WE ARE ABLE TO REALIZE SAVINGS IN OTHER AREAS OF
ACTIVITY, THE EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE SOME FUNDING
TO PROVIDE PARTIAL SUPPORT TO THE SUMMER CAMP EXCHANGE. THERE
ARE CURRENTLY FEW PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN OPERATION PROVIDING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLISH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. THE SZSP (POLISH UNION OF
SOCIALIST STUDENTS) HAS EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN
ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
AND IN FINDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLISH STUDENTS TO
VISIT THE US FOR SHORT TERMS. THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM,
AS DESCRIBED BY ORRICK IN NOVEMBER, WOULD PROVIDE ONE
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY. ORRICK ORIGINALLY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD
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ATTEMPT TO BRING 25 POLISH STUDENTS, 25 STUDENTS FROM WESTERN

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND 25 AMERICAN STUDENTS TOGETHER, PERHAPS
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EXPERIMENT IN INTERNATIONAL
LIVING, THIS COMING SUMMER. THE EMBASSY URGED HIM TO START
THE PROGRAM AT A SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVEL, ATTEMPTING IN THE FIRST
YEAR TO INCLUDE ONLY 10 POLISH STUDENTS. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE
WILLING TO FUND THE TRAVEL OF SOME OF THESE 10 PROSPECTIVE
PARTICIPANTS IF THE MONEY TO DO SO CAN BE FOUND IN OUR CU BUDGET.
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